Dear Mr. Wurtzel, 2/8/75

Thanks for taking the time to encapsualte the story you mentioned. From this brief account I think it is more likely that Hugh McDonald knows one of those accused of having been inbolved in the JFK assassination.

The step-son of one was, as of early 1968, working for the L.A. sheriff. I met him that February.

But I have no reason to believe that the step-father was an assassin. Other things, yes. Including big talker.

I see nothing wrong with your trying to talk to McDonald and I would be interested in anything he says. If he denies the whole thing, I'd like to have that as a matter of record, too.

Until someone talks to him nobody will know if there is any truth in the story or whether he knows what could lead to something else. Often where stories have a little truth in them this happens.

I would caution you not to take as "investigators" those claiming to be or those about whom you read much. More often these are commercializers and self-promoters. You may find it unwelcome but Skolnick is one. I know this field as I think nobody else does and he is a cheap fake, a bullshit artist of whom the kindest things I could say are that he is sick in the head and only without ethics or morals.

What he has been doing for some years is indistinguishable from a Department of Disinformation operation. He serves that interest only, other than his own. Alas the crap he spewed out about the Dorothy Hunt crash is such a thing. In it he managed to provide a cover for what could easily be more signifiant. And enabled the spooks to take copies of his miserable fabrications around where it counts and get sympathy because of the extremity and the irrationality of what they'd been accused of. They pay people to pull that kind of stuff, too.

When answers are not readily apparent, do not grapp as verbal straws.

If you saw all his stuff, then if you think about it you'll realize that some of it is palpably impossible. When it comes time to produce his hands are as empty as his mouth is full. There is much I have not seen but what I have is too much, except for keeping as a matter of record.

Most people claiming to be experts are not except at ripping off, money and minds.

There are few authentic ones. It takes too much time and holds no rewards. The few are little known.

If and when you see McDonald - or anything else that you think could interest me, positively or negatively, I'd like to hear from you.

I think that the JBS stores, a few, had some of my earlier books. But not the newest and I'd know. They'd have to get them from me. I do now remember Papa Bach's order. He also reordered but he hasn't sold that many.

Thanks and best regards,

bcc: says McDonald, now chief Santa Ana racetrack security, formerly in business with former brother-in-law in Southern Calif. "building special airplanes for police departments." Mc D. formerly OSS, CIA. Brother Hawaiian priest. Claims to have talked to a JFK assassin "3 years ago in Canada" and to have this "written up" and "locked away." Paul Wurtzel, writing on "INHAND" stationery)P.O.Box 3844, LA. 90028, says he is in TV production. He is near Art Kevin.